

**SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025
** AMENDED JULY 14, 2025 – SECTION I ****

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail in Paxton on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Chase McCall.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Gene May, Kelse Vaughn, Greg Niewold, Sarah Mussman, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Cindy Ihrke, Garet Kerber, Lesley King and Chairman Chase McCall. Mr. Ferguson and Carson Vaughn were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION

Chairman McCall

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Kerber made a motion to amend the second date listed on the Agenda to June 30, 2025, instead of June 18, 2025, and then to approve the Agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES:

Mr. Nuss made the motion to accept the June 9, 2025, County Board Minutes as presented. Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

2 members of the public spoke, the first was Mr. Ron Hilligoss, Button Twp. Highway Commissioner who spoke about issues with Mr. Purcell who currently rents/farms 2 of the Ford County Farms #2 and #3 from the county. Issue examples included parking equipment on Button twp. Property leaving deep mud ruts, a helicopter that landed sprayed rocks and gravel on the twp. building, Mr. Hilligoss has rebuilt water ways to help with drainage issue from rain have been removed and there is a question about the surveyor's stake locations.

The second to speak was attorney Mr. Michael Butts who was hired by Mr. Purcell. Mr. Butts stated that when a helicopter is hired, Mr. Purcell cannot be held responsible for damages done and he stated that if the Easement Rights need to be re-done that it is not an easy process and it takes lots of time and the contract could be found either fraud or readjusted.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion on a lawsuit filed against Illinois County Treasurer's and Clerk & Recorder's by a Tax Sale Buyer stating that the Tax Sale Law is unconstitutional. State's Attorney Killian stated that CIRMA has agreed to hire someone to defend the Treasurer and Clerk & Recorder.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed topics of concern with the Ford County Farms such as permission issues with renters, erosion to be fixed still, find the correct production lines. Mr. Butts stated that his

client has not ruined a driveway and that his client is now losing what was cropped for the last 20 plus years. After discussion, Mr. Hilligoss offered to have the property surveyed at his expense. The board discussed reviewing the leases after a survey has been conducted and to then update the FSA maps to show the proper boundaries through the FSA Office.

The board then discussed how a 1026 needs to be filled out before water ways or tiles are fixed on the county farms.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to designate as Power of Attorney, the Ford County, County Board Chairman, Chase McCall, as Power of Attorney with the FSA Office. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

After discussion, Mr. Niewold made the motion to designate ~~as Power of Attorney,~~ the Ford County, ~~County~~ Board Chairman, Chase McCall and Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn, as Power of Attorney's for as long as ~~he~~ they holds ~~his~~ their positions with Ford County Board with the FSA Office. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The board then briefly discussed health insurance for employee's families and CRIS transportation.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.
The meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

K. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

